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LIFE EXPECTANCY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the life expectancy rate in India vis-Ã -vis other countries; and

(b) the measures taken to improve the life expectancy in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) The Life Expectancy Rate of India and selected countries is annexed at Statement-I.

(b) The Government has initiated comprehensive health sector reforms to improve Primary Health care system and provide medical facilities to citizens in rural areas. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is the main vehicle for these reforms and is a flag ship programme of the Government. It is being operationalized throughout the country, with special focus on 18 states which includes 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 North-East States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. The main aim of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. NRHM seeks to strengthen the Public Health delivery system at all levels. The interventions/initiatives launched under the NRHM aim to reduce mortality and morbidity so that the life expectancy of the people improve.